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## Captured by Mosby's Guerrillas.

By BREVET MAJ. CHARLES BREWSTER.

Those who have entered into battle | coat. He acted as a sort of Provost-Marwhere the chances were strongly against shal, and took charge of those who were them will know something of the feelthem, will know something of the feelthem, will know something of the feel-ing which came to us, as we were placed in and his general deportment, appearance and expressions, of both face and lanthe to draw lots; but to this feeling was guage, were quite in keeping with a hang-madded a horror of the ignominious death of being hung up to a tree, like a traitor numbered slip, the amiable red-head directed him, to stream out of the line saying. of being hung up to a tree, like a traitor or a murderer, by these miserable high-waymen. Had we been the same men hemp;" "You can shake the dust off your waymen. Had we been the same men hemp;" "You can shake the dust off your head carried out the orders for executthe waymen. I have forgotten to state that when I have forgotten to state that when first placed in line and told what ing their comrades, for which revenge was to be taken, there would, perhaps, have been some ground for justification, from their standpoint, by this scum of the rebellion, but we were all innocent of any irregular warfare.

Since then, after learning during years of Indian warfare how our troops, when captured by Indians, are treated, I have often thought how nearly akin to the feel- firmed ing which then seemed to animate drew. Mosby's gang, is the pleasure of the savages at their evening entertainment, when formed in an amphitheater, seated around their captive, bound to a stake or tree and burned to death. The squaws walk around the victim, and ingeniously increase his torture and demonstrations of suffering by thrusting firebrands in his face and body while life lasts.

Here were gathered farmers, seated upon their horses, who looked approvingly on, as if the proceeding was the enforcement of a stern, strict law in vindication of an offended Confederacy, which demanded retaliation and revenge as a "military necessity," for wrongful acts of their enemy. Ghosts did not rise before them of the many Union soldiers who had been wantonly butchered at night, without warning, on picket posts, around camp fires, and a hundred other places where fences, buildings and brush afforded stealthy approach for attack without resistance, and where prisoners were not wanted, and no quarter given.

By virtue of my rank, I received the very empty honor of being placed upon the right of our little line; and it was appreciated quite as much as a man naturalby would, when similarly stationed in any chain gang. On my left stood the only other commissioned officer of our party, First Lieut. J. C. Disosway, of the 5th N. Y. H. A., who had joined us at Paris under another squad.

One brief glance along our line showed, as by photograph, a view of mental disturbance in the expression of faces. In that one look I saw bowed heads, and the charms, was, perhaps, to end here. and ambitions blotted out, and of airy dastles vanishing—all swept quickly through my mind, while the throng surged ound us, all enger for the show to be-n. "H," with the nerve and stoicism of an old soldier, sauntered quietly within tiew, but, it was no time for conversation—"life was too short."

About this time a man wearing a broad-

brim hat rode up by my side and lifted my chapeau, or cap, from my head, and placed in its stead his old slouch hat. I concluded that his old hat was just about as good as any to be hung in, and made no remark. It afterwards helped to dis-

Presently three men appeared before the left of our line. One was a tall man, with head uncovered, not reverently, nor in deference to those standing before him, because just then he had use for the

A LOTTERY OF LIVES.

As he halted before the man standing at the left of the line, we instinctively upderstood the plan of the lottery. The hat was raised above a point of vision of its contents, and the first man was directed to reach his hand into the hat and take out one piece of paper. This was done and a slip of paper lifted out, which was taken from his hand and examined by the two attendants. This was

repeated as they passed successively to each man in the line. Those who drew blank slips of paper remained in the line, and those who drew papers that were marked in numbers ere considered condemned for execution. and were immediately taken out of the line and placed under a special guard. Lieut. Disosway drew a blank.

When my turn came to draw I reached my hand into the hat, at once selzed and distinctly felt three slips of paper. At this time I did not know how many had

ceeded next day to Rectortown.

"Among the prisoners I noticed a young officer (a Lieutenaut), who seemed to be suffering from lameness, and he excited my compassion by his ineffectual effort to keep up. Riding up to him I offered him a seat behind me on my horse, which he gratefully accepted. As we were in the rear of the march and out of earshot, we conversed very freely, and he gave me several points in his history, and I found him to be a refined and intelligent gentleman. He stated that he had only recently been brought from Louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he gave in the louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he gave in the louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he gave in the louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he louisiana, where he care of a little over 48 house. He exchange was made. The officer, after returning earnest thanks for his life, exchange was made. The officer, after returning earnest thanks for his life, was hastily transferred to a lockward course for dear life and climbed a tree, where he remained within hearing of the murder of his comrades.

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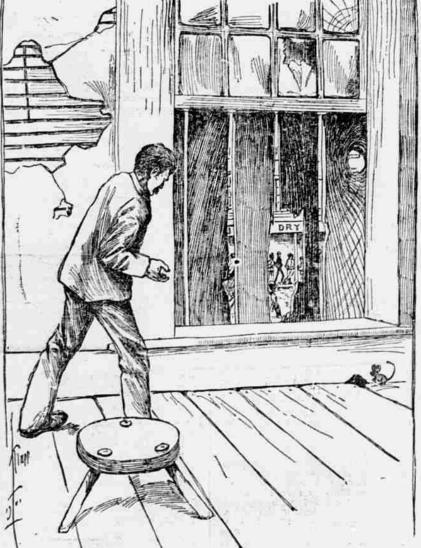
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knowing myself anything about the des-tiny of the prisoners.

This was the second case of premonition, which appeared among the seven men who were drawn, for both were among the first who were drawn, Poor Prouty! his sad forebodings were confirmed by the fateful paper which he drew. He was nearly paralyzed with emotion, and a ghastly pallor covered his face. But it was an emotion which all struggled to smother down during the pending raffle for life or death.

"On arriving at Rectortown we found Col. Mosby, with full command drawn up in line, and he himself in consultation with his principal officers. One of these finally advanced toward the squad which guarded the prisoners and gave them or ders to draw them up in line. The Adjutant then rode forward and read an order. It stated that seven of our men having been recently hung by the enemy, it was determined that seven of the prisonpending raille for life or death.

After the sixth man had been drawn, four of us remained on the right to draw; lots for these seven would be immediately



"THIS EXPERIENCE EMBRACED A STAY OF THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN A HOTEL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TOWN OF FRONT ROYAL

as the first and second of these both successively drew blanks, Lieut. Disosway and myself exchanged glances, which virtually said each to the other, "One of us y said each to the other, 'One of us to be the seventh man; one of us must be the seventh man; one of us must "In the course of 20 minutes two officers approached, one of them holding a bat, in which had been placed a number between the course of 20 minutes two officers approached, one of them holding a bat, in which had been placed a number

thoughts were far away with loved ones of wads or balls of paper, corresponding night, crossing the at home, but firmly and deliberately he placed his hand in the hat. Without waiting to see the result, I turned to look at then commenced, the officer with the hat farm where he lived.

down tomorrow upon our lifeless bodies suspended from trees!"

The next instant I discovered the Lieutenant's fatal drawing. He had drawn the last number. Raising his hat with one hand he passed his other hand over his fevered forchead, and half turning to me, he simply said, "This is tough!" But I had reason to express some hope in his behalf (which would not have existed for myself), and accordingly tried to encourage him in the moment he was permyself), and accordingly tried to en-courage him in the moment he was per-

prisoners, and that they should be carried to some locality in the mountains, off from the general thoroughfares, where a house must be secured, in one room of which the prisoners should be placed and kept under double guard. We were also told to proceed to Receptors by Parket and interview with the officer, and immediately afterward he crossed the prisoners should be placed and kept under double guard. We were also told to proceed to Receptors by Parket and interview with the officer, and immediately afterward he crossed the prisoners should be placed and kept under double guard. We were also told to proceed to Receptors by Parket and Interview with the officer, and immediately afterward he crossed the Receptors for Monday, Sept. 30, 1901, \$2,873,052.01.

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Winners announced next usek. In the contest just closed there were more contestants than ever. A close comparison of guesses, and then a careful verification or and return to the mountains, off from and requested that he would be found by the Union troops within the Federal lines.

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must be secured, in one room of which the prisoners should be placed and kept under double guard. We were also told to proceed to Rectortown by break of day next morning. (I happened to be among the number of this detailed guard, which renders me so familiar with the circumstances). In pursuance of orders, we proceeded next day to Rectortown.

The first faint indications of approaching day were already visible, and Soule realizing that his chances for escape were growing desperately slim, in passing over a depression in the ground, quickly slipped his hand from the rope and fell with his face to the ground, fortunately without a passed a few yards, he rose and ran on a passed a few yards, he rose and ran on a line way made.

PRISONERS EN ROUTE TO RICHMOND. The entertainment being over at this and fourth were thus pulled up, and so

quite generally to look at the Yankee prisoners, and to compliment the guard on their success.

Observing a colored woman at an open window in a log cabin adjoining the hotel, I asked permission of the guard to step over there to get a drink of water. Permission being granted, a few steps brought me in front of the colored woman, who handed me a gourd filled with water. As I raised the gourd to my lips, in a low tone, I said to her: "Auntie, if I get away and come back here tonight, will you take care of me?" Observing, as I drank, that she hardly comprehended my question, I hastily said, "I am a Yankee soldier," and repeated my question. Her face lighted up, as she immediately answered, "Yes, mass; you come back here;

had accomplished one good move looking through notices which were then publishto escape. A few miles of weary marching brought us to Sperryville about dark.
Here I effected my escape alone, during
the evening, by passing the sentinel while
Union lines. Among other articles the the was conversing with his comrades in the room where our party were placed for the night, and started hestily on my solitary journey for Little Washington, through the fields, reaching there before the was conversing with his comrades in New York Herald of that month contained the following:

"A NEW YORK CITIZEN CAPTURED BY MOSBY."

From the Richmond Examiner, Novem-

Although McCausland's Cavalry Briunder cover of the darkness, and was heartily greeted by her husband and herself, who gave me a comfortable shake down on the floor of the loft of the cabin and supplied me abundantly with food. Without stopping to recite all ex-periences on my return to the Union lines from this point, suffice to say that it was accomplished safely, with the aid of the colored people on my route. They were all remarkably kind, and seemed to think all remarkably kind, and seemed to think they could not do enough to serve me, each one in turn guiding me to his neighbors along the route, and received by each confidently as with passport, I was led to think myself a veritable patron

of the underground railroad of those This experience embraced a stay of three or four days in a hotel in the middle of the town of Front Royal. The house stowed me away in an apper room, where the windows were boarded up. Lomax's Confederate Cavalry Division occupied the town, but I succeeded in leaving at night, crossing the Shenandoah River scated behind a trusty colored man, who had brought a horse from a neighboring

the bright afternoon sun, and the distant woods, and thought: "Is this to be my inglorious end, to be hung by the guerrilas? This same sun will, perhaps, shine down tomorrow upon our lifeless bodies suspended from trees!"

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turned and seizing my hand pressed it estate, where loyal negroes were pleased with warmth.

distinctly felt three slips of paper. This time I did not know how many had drawn numbers, but having a vague idea that it was probably a matter of some concern to myself which of these pieces of paper I selected, my action was a little slow.

"Hurry up," said the man holding the hat for his own eyes only, he was able to see my tardy movements. As he spoke I let go one of the three life has cond piece, and at the same time raised my hand with the remaining slip to decide my fate. It was quicklaken and examined by the trio, who an nounced that it was a blank.

A few minutes of relief to some of us mony massed, as the conductors of the ceremony witherew from our presence. All of us now had drawn each one paper, but only five had drawn can be conductored at the same time raised my hand drawn each one paper, the life of the li

men. Meantime, one of the five who had drawn a prize, and who was quite young, was so overcome that he gave vent to loud lamentations. Being found to be a drummer boy, Mosby ordered that, being one who did not bear arms, he should be taken out of the line, and that another man be drawn in his place. This left only four condemned, and three more to be drawn.

By this time the man with the hat had returned, and we were again straightened

gether, I was strongly impressed that they was a found to be a sundance of this relief guard was an intimate friend of mine, to whom I related the circumstances in connection with the Lieutenant, and also informed with the Lieutenant, and also informed in the Lieutenant, and also informed methat he was a Freemason. Being anxious to learn their destination, I questioned him about the recent order. On reaching my brigade, to my amaze-month was an intimate friend of mine, to whom I related the circumstances in connection with the Lieutenant, and also informed methat he was a Freemason. Being anxious to learn their destination, I questioned him about the recent order, and the informed me that they had been trying to encourage him.

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man. He stated that he had only recently been brought from Louisiana, where he acted as an officer of artillery, and he deeply regretted being captured here, as he feared he would never survive prison life. He was the only son of a widowed mother, and had recently been married to a young wife. He seemed deeply dejected, and I cheered him as well as I could, not becoming a week as the content of the way to execution, deliverance came in a manner equality as unexpected and remarkable."

Then by a singular fatality the drawing was taken over again, and he found himself condemned to a sudden and awful death. When all hope was abandoned in himself on the way to execution, deliverance came in a manner equality as unexpected and remarkable."

It seems that the detail had been indulging freely in applejack during their best condition for their task at this time. They commenced their work by tying one end of a rope around a soldier's neck, throwing the condition of their task at this time. They commenced their work by tying one end of a rope around a soldier's neck, throwing the condition for their task at this time. They commenced their work by tying one end of a rope around a soldier's neck throwing the condition for their task at this time. the other end over the limb of a tree, and

The entertainment being over at this point, the remainder of our party were at the point, the remainder of our party were at the point, the remainder of our party were at the point, the remainder of our party were at the point, the remainder of the point of the poi

During the next three days we journeyed circuitously and tediously towards Gordonsville. Being cloudy and rainy weather, without sunshine, we could not the points of the compass, and could not, therefore, intelligently attempt to escape.

We finally reached Flint Hill, on the Front Royal turnpike, which crosses the mountains, and were soon embled to get mountains, and were soon embled to get rived at Little Washington, a small village on the same road, where we haited about noon in front of the hotel, on the main street. Here the denizens turned out quite generally to look at the Yankee prisoners, and to compliment the guard starts of the sudden death by shooting.

By this time the bungling work seemed troublesome enough to the executioners to consent to finish the others by shooting are followed to get the two remaining prisoners, one of whom was shot through the head and shoulder, and the surrely property its start and the prison secured by the smoke of battle in front. While the public was kept daily informed of market and siege and desperate attack and repulse, fixing the attention upon the default, and they are the denizens turned out quite generally to look at the Yankee prisoners, and to compliment the guard

swered, "Yes, mass; you come back here; from Norfolk, Va., saying he had escaped and had arrived there. During his ab-We were soon moving again, and I sence his friends had only heard from him

From the Richmond Examiner, Novem-Although McCausland's Cavalry Brigade had in the meantime arrived and encamped close to the village. I went directly to the colored woman's log cabin under cover of the darkness, and was heartly greated by he har harbend and heartly greated by the great greated by the case of the great greated by the case of the colored by the case of the case of the colored by the case of the ca sers, and characterized his and incarceration in the castle as 'too damned bad'."

When I subsequently met him he narwhen I subsequently met him he har-rated his experiences as a prisoner in "Castle Thunder," in Richmond; of his obtaining from the Confederate Secretary of War, through Mr. Lyons, a prominent lawyer of Richmond, an order for his release; how the order was outrageously taken from him and not returned; how he was compelled to accompany a train load of prisoners who were being shipped by rail to Salisbury, N. C.; how the prison-ers overpowered the guard in their car at a wood station, and escaped; how some Norfolk, with the aid of friendly negroes.

But soon the grand army of the Union

of the awards, requires more time than press allows us. We go to press Tuesday noon. Most contestants keep copies of their guesses. They will know if they are "close" when they see the above figures.

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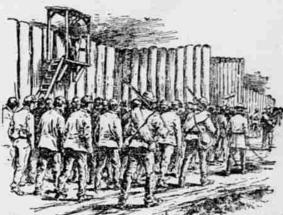
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A Veteran's Experience in Texas With Weitzel's Twenty-fifth Corps.

By HIRAM T. PECK.

of their number were recaptured, and how, finally, after two long weeks of travel, he reached the Union lines near Weitzel's Twenty-fifth Corps of colored a journal least that my connection with Gen. troops dates from my discharge from the military service, at City Point, Va., June Weitzel's Texas expedition—left City Point, Va., early in June, 1865, the fleet marched triumphantly to victory and to peace, although thousands upon thousands of the "countless throng" whose voices military service, at City Point, Va., June 2, 1865, when I engaged as clerk for the Medical Director of the Corps. At that

a journal kept by me during that period. The last expedition of the war—Gen. being ordered to rendezvous in Mobile Bay and await further instructions from the Commanding General. The steamer Crescent, the flagship of the expedition, was a fine and commodious vessel, admirably adapted for the comfort of her passengers. Being favored with beautiful weather and a smooth sea, the voyage was very enjoyable, and seemed more like a pleasure excursion than an expedition under the stern directorship of Mars. After touching at the Mobile Bay ren-dezvous for the General to issue his orders, we proceeded to New Orleans, where we remained one night. Thence we we remained one night. Thence we steamed to Galveston, touched at Indianola, and then proceeded to Brazos Santiago Island, the point designated for our disembarkation. A portion of the troops were stationed at Indianola and Corpus Christi, while the remainder were sent to the frontier to garrison the various posts along the Rio Grande.

On the morning of June 22 we bade adieu to the Crescent, after having quartered on board that boat for 17 days, and pitched tents for the first time on the soil of the "Lone Star State." BRAZOS ISLAND.

If a person should be required to express his opinion of Texas, founded upon his first impression of Brazos Island, the account he would give would not be sufficiently glowing to induce people to emi-grate to any great extent; for of all lonely places ever inhabited by man I am fully convinced that this island has no equal. The only water we could obtain was that taken from the Gulf, which we ren-dered drinkable by the process of con-densation; and even the supply of this was limited, owing to the large number of troops then arriving. Two condensers were kept in constant operation, and yet the demand was found to be much greater than the supply, so that the animals, to say nothing of the men, suffered consid-erably for the want of this life-sustain-

ing element.
Condensed water, in its most relishable condition, is a nauseating drink; but this was doubly so on account of our being obliged to use it almost boiling hot from the condensers. In addition to this it retained a slightly brackish taste, thereby increasing rather than diminishing thirst. This scarcity necessitated the strictest economy in its use. Teams were occasion-ally sent to the Rio Grande, a distance of 10 miles from our camp, to obtain water for the headquarters use, which, when

By this time the man with the hat had returned, and we were again straightened into line, and, I may add that by this time also we more than ever wanted to be one parents. But the casting of lots was resumed, and irregularly, the fifth, sixth and severth men, with pale facts, stepped out of the line to meet their death.

One of the three guerrillas who conducted the drawing was a peculiar looking man, whose conduct was equally peculiar. He was in secelelent spirits. In fact, the was in secelelent spirits. It is, the was a new returning from much to his tagte. He was a new returning from the whole affair was an entertainment verme much to his tagte. He was a new returning from the whole affair was an entertainment verme fand wore an infantryman's (Federal) dress and the company to take charge of the continuous data of take the possioners across of the total the mountains, and as near to Sheridan's in the mountains, and as near to Sheridan's in the mountains, and as near to Sheridan's in the that the designated point of the designated point of the designated point of the mountains, and as near to Sheridan's in the mountains, and as near to Sheridan's in the mountains and success and so that the esignated point of the designation of the condemned officer. They have the content of the condemned officer. They have the could man are to short the condemned officer. They have the condemned officer. Th

